

RESOLUTION No.2

BURMA

The Founding Conference of the ITUC-Asia Pacific meeting in Bangalooru, India, on 5-6 September 2007:

**EXPRESSES
SERIOUS
CONCERN** at the continuous state of repression especially of labour and trade union rights in Burma; and the recent suppression of peaceful protests against the fuel price hikes and the arrests and ongoing detention of democracy activists and human rights defenders;

NOTES the conditions of Burma remain critical in spite of the campaigns by the international community, including by the trade union movement against widespread and systematic violations of human rights over many years;

EXPRESSES serious concern at the Burmese military regime's failure to engage in serious dialogue with the National League for Democracy and the ethnic nationalities organizations for the restoration of democracy and peace and strongly rejects the regime's "National Convention" process;

REAFFIRMS the Declaration of the ITUC Burma Conference on 3-4 April 2007;

CALLS ON the ITUC-AP, its affiliates and GUFs to work together to implement and coordinate international trade union campaigning to achieve the implementation of this declaration ;

to use all means available to promote awareness of Burma from the workplace to national and international levels;

to provide political and financial support and solidarity with the FTUB, in its organizing and campaigning activities, including solidarity union missions to border areas;

to assist to organize and support migrant workers and refugees from Burma, to ensure their rights under domestic and international are respected and protected;

to ensure the participation of women workers of Burma in the relevant ITUC-AP campaign and educational activities;

CALLS ON the Governments to increase political, diplomatic and economic pressure, including the application of effective economic sanctions on the regime in order to ensure respect for fundamental rights and democratic rule and to take up these concerns within United Nations Security Council to develop a coordinated international response to the deteriorating situation in Burma as a matter of urgency.